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Docket No.: **1232-5245**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Hiroki KISHI	Confirmation No.:	5083
Serial No.:	10/752,896	Group Art Unit:	2624
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF ENCODING IMAGE DATA THEREFOR		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and reconsideration of the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed concurrently herewith. This paper is organized as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.